



WEST EXPEDITION

Coral I & Coral II

West Expedition (B)

5 days - 4 nights

Wednesday - Sunday

Experience unforgettable Galapagos adventures with our weekly departures. Our itineraries include a full board, two daily guided excursions, and optional activities like snorkeling, kayaking, and dinghy rides. You can also extend your trip with diving programs and extra nights in Galapagos upon request.



Wednesday:

am. → Baltra Airport

pm. Black Turtle Cove (Santa Cruz Island)

Thursday:

am. Punta Vicente Roca (Isabela Island)

pm. Punta Espinosa (Fernandina Island)

Friday:

am. Urbina Bay (Isabela Island)

pm. Tagus Cove (Isabela Island)

Saturday:

am. Egas Port (Santiago Island)

pm. Sullivan Bay (Santiago Island)

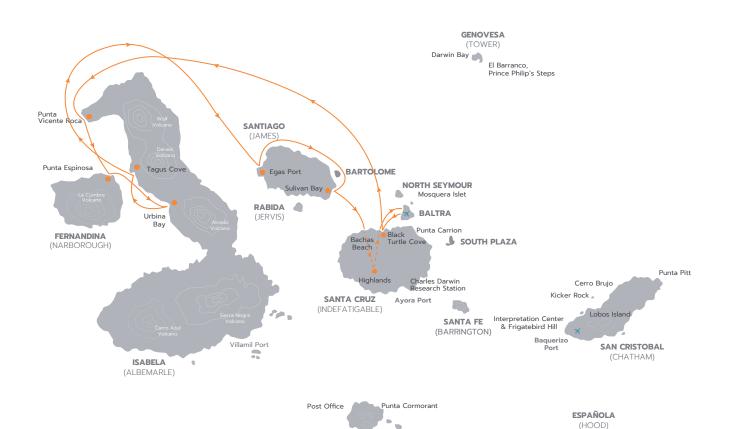
Sunday:

am. Highlands Tortoise Reserve

Punta Suarez Gardner Bay

(Santa Cruz Island)

pm. → Baltra Airport



FLOREANA (SANTA MARIA OR CHARLES)



Departure from either Quito or Guayaquil to Baltra Island is a 2 ½ hour flight. Upon arrival in the Galapagos, passengers are greeted at the airport by our knowledgeable guides who will accompany them on a short ten-minute bus ride to the pier where they will board the Coral I or Coral II



Here we can find four species of mangrove in the extensive tidal lagoon system that stretches for almost a mile inland. During our panga ride through the labyrinth we will spot many turtles, herons of several species, sharks and rays. The experience is otherworldly and seems to transport us back to the beginning of time. Landing: none



Difficulty level Low •



Tipo de Terreno None



1 hour dingy ride











Morning

Spectacular site, surrounded by immense cliffs of an eroded volcano. Studded with resting seabirds like brown noddies and Nazca boobies. Superb snorkeling with unique fish species. Swim with penguins and green turtles. Landing: none





Difficulty level Medium



Type of terrain none



Duration1 hour snorkeling
30 min Dingy Ride





Pristine Fernandina, the marine iguana capital. Its desolate volcanic backdrop hosts a massive concentration of these enigmatic reptiles. Surprisingly, Galapagos penguins share the same shoreline. Snorkeling offers an exciting opportunity to witness marine iguanas feeding underwater, alongside penguins, turtles, and unique flightless cormorants. Landing: dry



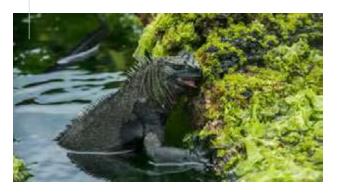
Difficulty level Medium



Type of terrain Flat / Semi-rocky



Duration 1½ hour walk 1 hour snorkeling or, 1 hour dinghy ride











Morning



At the far end of a long level hike, we arrive at a strange phenomenon where large blocks of coral lie completely exposed after a dramatic geological uplift in 1954. Located at the western base of Alcedo Volcano, we hope to run into a few impressive land iguanas and some volcanoes endemic to Galapagos giant tortoises during the wet season. Landing: wet



Difficulty level Medium



Type of terrain Flat / Rocky



Duration 1½ hour walk 1 hour snorkeling



Tagus Cove, a historic pirate hideout and anchorage. Visited by Charles Darwin and the HMS Beagle in 1835. Hike past Darwin Lake and stunning volcanic landscape, revealing Isabela island's dramatic northern volcanoes. Snorkel along a submerged wall with turtles, fish, penguins, and flightless cormorants. Enjoy a panga ride or kayak for added excitement! Landing: dry





Difficulty level

Medium

High



Type of terrain Steep



Duration2 hour hike
30 min kayaking
1 hour snorkeling or,
40 minutes dinghy ride











The black volcanic sand sets this landing apart from most, it's best known for the dramatic shoreline where we meet a host of species that chose to live between land and sea. Among these are the endemic Galapagos fur seals, which maintain a small colony at the end of our walk. Landing: wet





Difficulty level Medium •



Type of terrain Flat / Semi - rocky



Duration 1½ hour hike 1 hour snorkeling





It has an extensive features relative to young pa-hoe-hoe lava flows formed during the last quarter of the 19th century. In the middle of the lava flow, older reddish-yellow-colored tuff cones appear. Mollugo plants with their yellow-to-orange whorled leaves usually grow out of the fissures. Walking on solidified lava gives the impression of being on another planet.





Difficulty level High •



Type of terrain Flat -volcanic lava



Duration $1\frac{1}{2}$ hour walk or, 1 hour snorkeling











Morning



In the central highlands of Santa Cruz Island, we have our best opportunity to interact at close quarters with totally wild, Galapagos giant tortoises. A short walk among these huge, 600lb, reptiles will also offer the chance for more highland species, especially several species of the famed finches. Landing: dry





Type of terrain Fat & muddy depending on the season



Duration 1½ hour walk



After the visit, passengers will be transferred to the airport for their return flight to Guayaquil or Quito.